

**PATENT**  
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**Applicant:** Swanson  
**Serial No.:** 10/727,096  
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**Title:** Surgical Methods And  
Apparatus For Stimulating Tissue  
**Group Art Unit:** 3739  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**DATED MARCH 7, 2006**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.